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SUBJECT: CSCE CONSULTATIONS AT NATO

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1. ALTHOUGH DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS DESIRE OF SEVERAL
ALLIES TO HOLD NAC CONSULTATIONS WELL BEFORE OPENING OF
BELGRADE MEETING, WE CONTINUE TO PREFER A LATER DATE FOR
THE MEETING. IN OUR VIEW, ADVANTAGES OF EARLY CONSULTA-
TION ARE OUTWEIGHED BY FACT THAT HEADS OF DELEGATION
WOULD BE REMOVED FROM PREPARATIONS DURING IMPORTANT FINAL
WEEKS BEFORE THE MEETING. THIS PROBLEM IS ESPECIALLY
CRITICAL FOR US REPRESENTATIVE WHO WOULD HAVE TO TRAVEL
LONG DISTANCE FOR THE MEETING. SINCE BASIC CONSULTATIONS
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WILL HAVE TAKEN PLACE AT EXPERTS' MEETINGS EARLIER IN THE
MONTH, DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT HIGH LEVEL CONSULTATIONS
WOULD BE MORE USEFUL IF DELEGATION CHIEFS WERE ABLE TO
HAVE FINAL RUN-THROUGH JUST PRIOR TO BELGRADE MEETING.
MISSION SHOULD PROPOSE SEPTEMBER 30 AS MOST APPROPRIATE
DATE FOR THIS SESSION.

2. FYI: DEPARTMENT PLANS TO BE REPRESENTED BY AMBASSADOR
SHERER AT NAC SESSION. WE WOULD APPRECIATE HEARING IF SUB-
STANTIAL NUMBER OF ALLIES APPEAR TO BE PLANNING TO SEND
OFFICIALS OTHER THAN WORKING HEAD OF DELEGATION.
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